



"The Movie Railroad"

Calendar of Events 2010

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January-March

Park open Tuesday-Sunday (winter hours, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. are in effect). Our experienced guides are available to lead visitors on tours of our operating steam roundhouse, where maintenance activities are conducted as they have been for over a century. Visitors get an up-close look at our historic locomotives and gain insight into the challenges of maintaining industrial-age equipment in a modern world.

Shop Tours January 13th & February 10th

1PM. "Behind-the-Scenes Tour" of the restoration of Sierra Railway steam locomotive No. 3. Park staff will present a 90-minute program including a shop tour, and discuss the progress being made on the restoration of Sierra No. 3, the famous "Movie Star" locomotive. \$10 (\$5 members), advanced reservations may be made by calling 209-984-3953. Space is limited.

New Volunteer Open House February 20

New Volunteer Open House, 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Potential volunteers are invited to take an inside look at the many volunteer opportunities. Current volunteers are available to share their experiences and answer questions about available positions.

Volunteer Training March, April and May

If you enjoy sharing your love of Railtown with park visitors, and have a minimum of 8 hours a month to spare, you may just who we are looking for! Previous experience is not required, our orientation and workshops will prepare you to succeed as a car host, tour guide, ticket agent, or fire chase. Applicants of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applications are available by calling (209) 984-4408 or at www.railtown1897.org. Be sure to get your application in soon, to allow time for pre-training interview and orientation.

Opening Weekend April 3rd & 4th

Opening Weekend for Railtown's regular 2009 Steam Train Operating Season! Grand Opening festivities, both days! This weekend only Calaveras and Tuolumne County residents ride trains for free (proof of residency required).

Wildflower Train April 24 and May 1

Special afternoon Wildflower Train departs at 4:30 p.m. from the Railtown 1897 Depot on these two Saturdays only! Prior to boarding the train, passengers will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with wildflowers of the Sierra Nevada foothills. Once aboard the train, specialists will answer questions and point out wildflower groupings along the way. Weather conditions permitting, a stop will be made to allow guests to spread wildflower seeds along the tracks! Tickets are \$21 adults, \$10 youth (ages 6-17), ages 5 and under ride free. Train capacity is limited, and reservations are suggested. Regular steam-powered excursion trains also depart on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this day.

Mother's Day, May 9

Bring a picnic, and enjoy a relaxing Mother's Day at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park. Enjoy children's games and activities on the lawn. All Moms ride free aboard regular steam-powered excursion trains when accompanied by a child. Regular steam powered excursion trains depart on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For a special experience, treat mom to a ride in first-class.

School Trains- May 5, 12, 19, 26

For four Wednesdays in May, special diesel-powered School Days Excursion Trains depart on-the-hour 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for prescheduled school groups. A walking tour of the Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse is available to round out your school group's visit. Bring your school or classroom to Railtown for a unique and enjoyable learning experience! Reservations required. Nominal per-person fees apply. To make reservations for your class, call ReserveAmerica at (866) 240-4655. General public tickets also available that day.

Memorial Day Weekend- May 29, 30 & 31

Regular steam-powered excursion trains depart Saturday, Sunday, and Monday over the holiday weekend, on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. all three days.

Father's Day June 20

Father's Day at Railtown! Come spend a relaxing day at Railtown on the shady lawn! All Dads ride free aboard regular steam-powered excursion trains when accompanied by a child. Activities are provided throughout the day.

4th of July Weekend-July 3, 4 & 5

Regular steam-powered excursion trains operate for the Independence Day Holiday weekend. Spend time with family and friends at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park while you ride, tour, and experience steam trains, authentic railroad facilities, mechanical and engineering ingenuity, and Hollywood film and television heritage—things uniquely American! Trains depart hourly 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Roundhouse Tours available; regular Park operating hours in effect.

Mark Twain Train-July 24th

Join Mark Twain on the lawn at Railtown while he spins some tales about his adventures in the Mother Lode, then mingle Mr. Twain, and fiddler Dave Rainwater on the 5 PM train. Special advanced sale ticket prices apply.

Singing Rails Railroad Music Competition –August 21st

As long as there have been trains, there have been train songs to sing. An important part of the American Railroad experience, this type of folk music was created and performed by railroad workers, and the communities they lived. Join us at Railtown for this unique new event, which promises to bring together the best of California folk musicians.

Labor Day Weekend- September 4, 5 & 6

Minature Live Steam locomotives on display all weekend! Regular steam-powered excursion train rides depart on the hour 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday over the holiday weekend.

Wine and Cheese Train- Date TBD

Don't miss the sixth Annual Wine & Cheese Benefit at Railtown 1897, benefiting improvements related to this State Historic Park. Highlights of this early evening event include tasting of delicious California cheeses and fine wines from selected Sierra Foothills vintners, a silent auction, live music, and rides aboard a steam-powered Wine & Cheese Train! Reservations are suggested: (209) 984-3953.

Autumn Festival October 9, Kicks off Harvest Haunt Express October 9 & 10, 16&17, 23 & 24, 30 & 31

Climb aboard Railtown's answer to Halloween: the Harvest Haunt Express, with our "Skeleton Crew" aboard, and fun harvest-themed games and activities. Specially decorated steam-powered excursion trains depart on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., filled with fun for the whole family! On **October 9th** is Members Day, with handcar rides and special demonstrations.

Santa Express-November 26-28, December 18 & 19

Santa visits Railtown! Climb aboard our steam-powered excursion train, departing on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and ride along with the Jolly Gentleman! Regular ticket prices apply.

Santa's Starlight Express-November 26th & 27th

Bundle up and ride with Santa and a train full of carolers on our most magical excursion of the whole year. Railtown's cars, depot and watertank are lighted for the season, creating an unforgettable experience for the whole family. Ticket prices \$19 adults, \$9 youth, and children 5 and under, riding in laps, free.

Christmas Boutique- November & December TBD

Browse through a unique selection of old-fashioned hand made crafts, and try your hand at some yourself. The Holiday Boutique has been a long tradition at Railtown, and all items are created locally with proceeds supporting park programs.

ONGOING

Depot Store and Interpretive Center open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April-October, 10-3 November-March
(*Open Tuesday-Sunday, Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day*) Winter Season Hours (November-March): daily 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Steam-Powered Excursion Trains operate weekends April-October (*Railtown Members enjoy free admission and regular Excursion Train rides year-round*) Train Tickets: \$13 adults, \$6 youths ages 6-17, First Class \$21, \$9, children ages 5 and under free* **School Group Reservations** (ReserveAmerica): Toll Free (866) 240-4655
Reservations are required for School Days train programs in May. To arrange park tours any day of the year, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953

Railtown 1897 State Historic Park Offices and General Information: (209) 984-3953 **Railtown 1897 Membership Information:** (916) 445-5995 **Website:** www.railtown1897.org **blog** www.railtown1897.wordpress.com

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